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ABSTRACT

A survey of the current practices in school library-media centers in the Southwest, Three Rivers, Pathfinder, and Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service Systems in Colorado was conducted in the fall of 1986. The survey covered reference materials; media selection; computer usage, including cataloging, online searching, and use of library management software; periodicals subscribed to by the library; and the librarian's professional reading. Separate tabulations are provided for K-6/elementary schools, middle schools/junior high schools, senior high schools, and K-12/elementary and secondary schools. Of 330 surveys mailed, 126 (or 38%) were returned completed. Survey results are being incorporated into various school library-media courses taught by Adams State College (Alamosa, Colorado) in conjunction with the University of Colorado's educational media specialist endorsement program. The document consists of the survey instrument with results ranked according to the number of times each item was cited. (EW)

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SELECTED RESULTS OF WESTERN & SOUTHERN COLORADO SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER SURVEY

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Purpose of Survey:
In Fall 1986, Adams State College conducted a "current practices" survey of school library-media centers in the Southwest, Three Rivers, Pathfinder, and Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service Systems. The survey covered reference, media selection, computer usage, etc. Survey results are being incorporated into various school library-media courses taught by Adams State College in conjunction with the University of Northern Colorado's educational media specialist endorsement program. This presentation will summarize and explore possible implications of selected survey results.

Mailing lists of school librarians were obtained from the four system offices. A total of 330 surveys were mailed; 126 surveys were completed and returned. The return rate was 38%.

This presentation will address the survey results from four points-of-view:

Elementary K-6	34 responding libraries
Middle School/Junior High School	31 responding libraries
Senior High School	30 responsing libraries
K-12 Elem-Sec.	21 responding libraries

The rankings which follow are based on the cumulative number of citations -- that is, the number of times an item was cited was the basis for its ranking.

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34 responding libraries

K-6

SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. Reference materials used in your library/media center. (Please give the title or titles of those reference items most frequently used in each category.)

A. Encyclopedias	1.	World Book 32
	2.	Encyclopedia Brittanica Jr. 16
	3.	Compton's 12
B. Dictionaries	1.	Webster's 3rd Unabridged 18
	2.	Webster's 16
	3.	MacMillan, Webster's Collegiate 7 each
C. Indexes	1.	National Geographic Index 15
	2.	Children's Magazine Guide 10
	3.	Reader's Guide 3
D. Biographical	1.	Webster's Biographical Dictionary 15
	2.	Encyclopedias 5
	3.	3 tied at 4
E. Geographical	1.	Webster's Geographical Dictionary 12
	2.	National Geographic books, Rand McNally Atlas 10 each
	3.	National Geographic Atlas 5
F. Literature	1.	Arbuthnot Antho. of Children's Lit 5
	2.	Book collection, Encyclopedias 4 each
	3.	9 tied at 1
G. History	1.	Encyclopedias 4
	2.	National Geographic books 3
	3.	3 tied at 2
H. Science	1.	Young People's Science Encyclopedia 10
	2.	Raintree Illustrated Science Encycl 9
	3.	Illustrated Encyc. of Animal Kingdom, National Geographic books 4 each
I. Almanacs	1.	World Almanac 25
	2.	Guiness Book of World Records, Information Please Almanac 5 each
	3.	4 tied at 2
J. Quotations	1.	Bartlett's Familiar Quotations 14
	2.	Quotable Quotations book, Thoughts for School Administrators 1 each
K. Thesauri	1.	Roget's 18
	2.	Webster's 11
	3.	In Other Words 10

II. Please list the major selection tools you use when ordering new books and audio-visual/computer software:

BOOKS
1. School Library Journal 16
2. Horn Book 11
3. Publishers' catalogs 10

A-V & COMPUTER
1. Teacher recommendations, publishers' catalogs, other reviews 11 each
2. School Library Journal 9
3. Professional judgment 7

III. Please list any jobbers you use when ordering materials for your library.

1. Follett 19
2. Bound to Stay Bound 10
3. Baker & Taylor 9

IV. Periodicals. Please list by title the magazines in your library that are most frequently used.

1. Ranger Rick 30
2. National Geographic World 29
3. National Geographic 18
4. Highlights for Children 16
5. Cricket 15
6. 3-2-1 Contact 14
7. Electric Company 13
8. Cobblestone 12
9. Boy's Life, Odyssey, Penny Power 11 each
10. Instructor 10
11. Colorado Outdoors, Seasame Street 9 each
12. Jack & Jill 7
13. Faces 6
14. Dirt Bike, National Wildlife, Young Miss, Your Big Backyard 5 each
15. Children's Digest, Learning, Mailbox, Outdoor Life, Sport, Sports Illustrated, Stone Soup, Wee Wisdom, Zoobooks 4 each

V. Do you shelve AV items with books? Yes 2 No 31
Do you allow students to check out AV materials to take home? Yes 5 No 29

VI. Cataloging Practices.

	Yes	No
Do you buy catalog cards with your new books, etc.?	32	2
Does your library utilize OCLC cataloging?	5	28

Rest of Question VI discarded.

VII. Do you have a microcomputer in your library? Yes-22 No-12

If yes, what model? Apple IIe 18
Apple 2
Apple IIc 2
Apple II 1
Apple II+ 1

What library management software do you use? (for circulation statistics, cataloging, overdues, etc.)

--Listed 3 or more times: None 5
Appleworks, Catalog EZ,
Library Monitor, PFS 3 each.

Do you have a modem? Yes - 1 No - 19

If yes, do you do data base searching? (please specify, ERIC, etc.) ERIC 1, OCLC 1

VIII. Do you work full-time or part-time? FT 31 PT 3

Total Number of Students Served? 3 100-199
8 200-299
8 300-399
7 400-499
5 500-599
2 600-699
1 1000+

IX. Professional Reading. What professional journals does your library take?

Library-oriented

1. Hornbook, School Library Journal 15 each
2. School Library Media Activities Monthly 5
3. School Librarian's Workshop 3

Classroom teacher-oriented

1. Instructor 31
2. Learning, Mailbox 11 each
3. Early Years, Schooldays 8 each

Middle/Junior High School -- 31 responding libraries

SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. Reference materials used in your library/media center. (Please give the title or titles of those reference items most frequently used in each category.)

A. Encyclopedias	1.	World Book 29
	2.	Compton's 16
	3.	Americana 15
B. Dictionaries	1.	Webster's 21
	2.	Webster's 3rd unabridged 19
	3.	Webster's Collegiate 12
C. Indexes	1.	National Geographic Index 21
	2.	Reader's Guide Abridged 12
	3.	Reader's Guide 11
D. Biographical	1.	Webster's Biographical Dictionary 20
	2.	Current Biography 11
	3.	Something About the Author, Webster's American Biographies 5 each
E. Geographical	1.	Webster's Geographical Dictionary 15
	2.	Atlas, Rand McNally Atlas 7 each
	3.	Lands & Peoples 6
F. Literature	1.	Wilson's 20th Century Authors 8
	2.	Something About the Author, Wilson's Junior Book of Authors 5 each
	3.	Reader's Encyclopedia 4
G. History	1.	Scribner's Dictionary of Am. History 5
	2.	Encyclopedia of American History 4
	3.	3 tied at 3
H. Science	1.	New Book of Popular Science 9
	2.	Young People's Science Encyclopedia 7
	3.	New Encyclopedia of Science 5
I. Almanacs	1.	World Almanac 28
	2.	Information Please Almanac 7
	3.	3 tied at 3
J. Quotations	1.	Bartlett's Familiar Quotations 23
	2.	Stevenson's Home Book of Quotations 4
	3.	2 tied at 3
K. Thesauri	1.	Roget's 28
	2.	Webster's 20
	3.	6 tied at 1

II. Please list the major selection tools you use when ordering new books and audio-visual/computer software:

BOOKS
1. School Library Journal 14
2. Junior High School Library Catalog 13 (Wilson's)
3. Booklist 11

A-V & COMPUTER
1. Booklist 10
2. School Library Journal 9
3. Teacher recommendations 8

III. Please list any jobbers you use when ordering materials for your library.

1. Baker & Taylor 17
2. EBSCO, Econo-clad 7 each
3. Bound to Stay Bound, Brodart, Follett 5 each

IV. Periodicals. Please list by title the magazines in your library that are most frequently used.

1. National Geographic, Newsweek, Seventeen 21 each
2. Sports Illustrated 20
3. Time 18
4. Teen 16
5. Hot Rod 12
6. Dirt Bike, Outdoor Life, US News & World Report 11 each
7. Discover, People 10 each
8. Life, Young Miss 9
9. Science Digest (no longer published), Science News 8 each
10. Boy's Life, Good Housekeeping 7 each
11. BMX, Better Homes & Gardens, National Geographic World, National Wildlife, Popular Science, Reader's Digest 6 each
12. Field & Stream, Ski, Skiing, Sport 5 each
13. Health, Motorcross Action, Omni, Popular Mechanics 4 each
14. American Heritage, American History Illustrated, Cobblestone, Cycle, Cycle World, Science '86- (no longer published) 3 each
15. 10 tied at 2

V. Do you shelve audio-visual items with books? Yes 1 No 30

Do you allow students to check out AV materials to take home? Yes 7 No 23

VI. Cataloging Practices.

	Yes	No
Do you buy catalog cards with your new books, etc.?	23	8
Does your library utilize OCLC cataloging?	8	19

Rest of Question 6 Discarded.

VII. Do you have a microcomputer in your library? Yes-25 No-6

If yes, what model? Apple IIe 24
Apple IIc 2
Apple II 1

What library management software do you use? (for circulation statistics, cataloging, overdues, etc.)

--Listed 2 or more times: Appleworks 7
Overdue Writer 5
Library Monitor, None 4 each
Catalog Card & Label Writer, Print Shop 2 each

Do you have a modem? Yes - 3 No - 21

Is yes, do you do data base searching? (please specify, ERIC, etc.) BRS, Dialog 1 each

VIII. Do you work full-time or part-time? FT 27 PT 4

Total number of students served?

1	0-099
6	100-199
5	200-299
8	300-399
4	400-499
1	500-599
3	600-699
1	700-799
2	800-899

IX. Professionial reading. What professional journals does your library take?

Library-oriented

1. School Library Journal 14
2. Booklist 9
3. Book Report 8

Classroom teacher-oriented

1. Learning 8
2. Classroom Computer Learning 6
3. Good Apple, Instructor 4 each

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High School -- 30 responding libraries

SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. Reference materials used in your library/media center. (Please give the title or titles of those reference items most frequently used in each category.)

A. Encyclopedias	1.	World Book 26
	2.	Americana 23
	3.	Encyclopedia Brittanica 18
B. Dictionaries	1.	Webster's 3rd unabridged 17
	2.	American Heritage 14
	3.	Webster's 13
C. Indexes	1.	Reader's Guide 23
	2.	National Geographic Index 9
	3.	Reader's Guide abridged 6
D. Biographical	1.	Current Biography 22
	2.	Dictionary of American Biography, Webster's Biographical Dictionary 11 each
	3.	Contemporary Authors, Wilson's 20th Century Authors 8 each
E. Geographical	1.	Webster's Geographical Dictionary 13
	2.	National Geographic Atlas 10
	3.	Rand McNally Atlas 8
F. Literature	1.	Oxford Companion to English Literature 12
	2.	Oxford Companion to American Literature 11
	3.	Contemporary Authors, Contemporary Literary Criticism 9 each
G. History	1.	Annals of America 14
	2.	Scribner's Dictionary of American History 10
	3.	Encyclopedias 4
H. Science	1.	McGraw-Hill Ency. of Science & Technology 13
	2.	Van Nostrand's Scientific Encyclopedia 11
	3.	New Book of Popular Science 6
I. Almanacs	1.	World Alamanc 27
	2.	Information Please Almanac 11
	3.	Statesman's Yearbook 4
J. Quotations	1.	Bartlett's Familiar Quotations 29
	2.	Oxford Dictionary of Quotations 10
	3.	Magill's Quotations in Context, Stevenson's Home Book of Quotations 7 each
K. Thesauri	1.	Roget's 30
	2.	Webster's 18
	3.	The Synonym Finder 3

II. Please list the major selection tools you use when ordering new books and audio-visual/computer software:

BOOKS
1. School Library Journal 19
2. Booklist 17
3. Wilson's Senior High School Library Catalog 10

A-V & COMPUTER
1. Media & Methods 10
2. Booklist, School Library Journal 8 each
3. Teacher recommendations 7

III. Please list any jobbers you use when ordering materials for your library.

1. Baker & Taylor 23
2. Brodart, Follett 8 each
3. Gordon's 7

IV. Periodicals. Please list by title the magazines in your library that are most frequently used.

1. Time 26
2. Sports Illustrated 24
3. Newsweek, US News & World Report 23 each
4. Seventeen 18
5. People 16
6. Psychology Today 14
7. Business Week, Science News 12 each
8. Life, National Geographic, Rolling Stone 10 each
9. Hot Rod, Outdoor Life 9 each
10. Discover, Motor Trend, Science Digest (no longer published) 8 each
11. Reader's Digest 7
12. Field & Stream, Omni, Popular Science, Teen 6 each
13. American Heritage, Car & Driver, Glamour, Good Housekeeping, High Fidelity, Ski, Skiing 5 each
14. Consumer Reports, Health, National Wildlife, New Republic, Popular Mechanics, Scientific American 4 each
15. Dirt Bike, Ladies' Home Journal, Powder 3 each

V. Do you shelve audio-visual items with books? Yes 3 No 27
Do you allow students to check out AV materials to take home? Yes 16 No 14

VI. Cataloging Practices.

	Yes	No
Do you buy catalog cards with your new books, etc.?	22	8
Does your library utilize OCLC cataloging?	12	18

Rest of Question VI discarded.

VII. Do you have a microcomputer in your library? Yes-26 No-4

If yes, what model? Apple IIe 23
Apple II+ 4
Apple IIc 2
IBM or compatible 2
Macintosh Family 2
Apple II 1

What library management software do you use? (for circulation statistics, cataloging, overdues, etc.)

--Listed 2 or more times: Library Monitor 8
Appleworks 5
Computer Cat, Overdue
Writer, PFS 3
LCS III 2

Do you have a modem? Yes - 5 No - 20

Is yes, do you do data base searching? (please specify, ERIC, etc.)

BRS, DIALOG, ILL network, Pueblo Regional Library System Public Access catalog, some bulletin boards 1 each

VIII. Do you work full-time or part-time? FT 28 FT 2

Total number of students served? 5 100-199
4 200-299
3 300-399
3 400-499
5 500-599
2 600-699
2 800-899
1 900-999
3 1000+

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1. School Library Journal 19
2. Booklist 13
3. Book Report 9

Classroom teacher-oriented

1. Education Digest, Kappan 7 each
2. English Journal 4
3. Computing Teacher, T.H.E. Journal, Today's Education 2 each

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K-12 Elementary-Secondary -- 21 responding libraries

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	3.	Reader's Guide abridged 6
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	2.	Current Biography 10
	3.	Who's Who, Wilson's 20th Century Authors, Wilson's Junior Book of Authors 4 each
E. Geographical	1.	Rand McNally Atlas, Webster's Geographical Dictionary 10 each
	2.	Hammond Atlas 8
	3.	National Geographic Atlas 4
F. Literature	1.	Granger's Index to Poetry, Oxford Companion to American Literature, Oxford Companion to English Literature, Reader's Encyclopedia 4 each
	2.	Cambridge History of American Literature, Masterplots 3 each
	3.	Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable 2
G. History	1.	Encyclopedia of American History, Encyclopedia of World History 4 each
	2.	Annals of America, Scribner's Dictionary of American History 3 each
	3.	American Heritage, Lincoln Library of Essential Information, Time Life Books, Webster's Guide to American History 2 each
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1. Roget's 25
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1. School Library Journal, Wilson's Senior High Library Catalog 7 each
2. Booklist 6
3. Wilson's Children's Catalog 5

A-V & COMPUTER
1. School Library Journal 7
2. Teacher recommendations 6
3. Booklist, jobber's catalog, publisher's catalogs 4 each

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3. EBSCO, Follett, Gordon's, Highsmith 3 each

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3. Sports Illustrated 16
4. Seventeen, US News & World Report 15 each
5. National Geographic, Teen 10 each
6. Hot Rod, People 9 each
7. Discover, Good Housekeeping, Psychology Today 8 each
8. Consumer Reports, Life, Ranger Rick, Science News 7 each
9. Popular Mechanics, Popular Science 6 each
10. Motor Trend, National Geographic World 5 each
11. Better Homes & Gardens, Colorado Outdoors, Health, Outdoor Life 4 each
12. 9 tied at 3 each
13. 22 tied at 2 each
14. 45 tied at 1 each

V. Do you shelve audio-visual items with books? Yes-1 No-19
Do you allow students to check out AV materials to take home? Yes-11 No-10

VI. Cataloging Practices. 19 2
Do you buy catalog cards with your new books, etc.? Yes No
7 14
Does your library utilize OCLC cataloging? Yes No

Rest of Question VI discarded.

VII. Do you have a microcomputer in your library? Yes-12 No-9

If yes, what model? Apple IIe 9
Apple 2
Apple GS, Apple IIc, IBM or compatible 1 each

What library management software do you use? (for circulation statistics, cataloging, overdues, etc.)

Listed 3 or more times: Appleworks 5
Follett Quick Card/File, None 3 each

Do you have a modem? Yes - 1 No- 12

Is yes, do you do data base searching? (please specify, ERIC, etc.)
BRS, ERIC, Magazine Index 1 each

VIII. Do you work full-time or part-time? FT 18 PT 3

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1 800-899

IX. Professionial reading. What professional journals does your library take?

Library-oriented

1. School Library Journal 13
2. Book Report, Booklist 5 each
3. Library Journal, Top of the News, Wilson Library Bulletin 2 each

Classroom teacher-oriented

1. Instructor 19
2. Learning 11
3. Educational Digest, English Journal 6 each

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